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Public Law 90-327
H. R. 15822

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INDEX AND SUMMARY OF H. R. 15822

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| Mar. | 7, 1968 | Rep. Albert introduced H. R. 15822 which was referred to House Agriculture Committee. Print of bill as introduced. |
| Mar. | 26, 1968 | House committee voted to report H. R. 15822. |
| Mar. | 28, 1968 | House committee reported H. R. 15822 without amendment. H. Rept. 1220. Print of bill and report. |
| May | 6, 1968 | House passed H. R. 15822 under suspension of rules. |
| May | 8, 1968 | H. R. 15822 was referred to Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee. Print of bill as referred. |
| May | 16, 1968 | Senate committee reported H. R. 15822 without amendment. S. Rept. 1126. Print of bill and report. |
| May | 17, 1968 | Senate passed H. R. 15822 without amendment. |
| June | 4, 1968 | Approved: Public Law 90-327. |

DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 90-327

ROBERT S. KERR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER. Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma. Authorizes the Secretary, in developing and operating the Center, to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public and private agencies and organizations and individuals and to accept contributions and gifts to be used to further the purposes of the act. The area will cover about 350 acres totally within the Ouachita National Forest and will provide an outdoor educational center for an estimated 40,000 school-age children each year.

90TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 15822

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 1968

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3 Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest. As soon as
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6 Federal Register, together with an appropriate legal descrip-
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8 designated arboretum and center shall be on file and avail-
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16 to national forests in such manner as in his judgment will
17 best provide for the purposes of this Act and to provide for
18 such management, utilization, and disposal of the natural
19 resources as in his judgment will promote or is compatible
20 with and does not significantly impair the purposes for
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22 Center is established.

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10. PUBLIC LANDS. Received a Colo. Legislature resolution urging the Congress and the President "to take action necessary to transfer ownership and administration of vacant and unreserved public domain lands to the various States." p. S3299
11. TRAVEL. Sen. Hayden inserted the reports of various committees in connection with expenditure of foreign currencies and appropriated funds for foreign travel. pp. S3304-14

HOUSE

12. PUBLIC LAW 480. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 16165, to extend the food-for-peace program. p. D249
13. TRAVEL. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for the consideration of H. R. 13738, to increase the maximum rate of per diem allowance for Government employees traveling on official business. p. H2260
14. RESEARCH. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for the consideration of H. R. 15856, the NASA authorization bill, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the fiscal year 1969 for research and development, construction of facilities, and administrative operations (p. H2260). The bill contains items for research, including that conducted in cooperation with this Department on earth resources satellites providing information on agriculture and forestry through remote sensing devices, including identification and analysis of crop species, soil types, crop conditions, environmental conditions, tree identification, forest density, forest conditions, etc.
15. FORESTS. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 15822, to provide for the establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest, Okla. p. D249
16. FARM LABOR. The Education and Labor Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 16014, to include certain agricultural workers under the National Labor Relations Act. p. D249
17. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 3300, to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Colorado River Basin project. p. D249
18. HOLIDAYS. The Judiciary Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 15951, to provide for uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays. p. D250
19. MARINE RESOURCES. A subcommittee of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee approved for full committee action H. R. 13781, to amend the Marine Resources and Engineering Development Act to continue the sea-grant college program. p. D250
20. DEMONSTRATION. Rep. Poage expressed concern because a "minority" of the crowd gathered to hear Secretary Freeman speak at the University of Wisconsin prevented him from completing his address and commended those who apologized and the Secretary for "ably handling" the situation. p. H2215

21. POVERTY. Rep. Ryan urged support of his bill to provide a supplemental appropriation for OEO, increasing the 1968 fiscal year appropriation by \$207 million. p. H2249
22. TRUST TERRITORY. Rep. Mink urged passage of H. R. 16183, to provide for a government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. pp. H2250-2
23. EXPENDITURES. Rep. Bolton inserted an editorial favoring the model cities and poverty programs in preference to the supersonic-plane and space programs. pp. H2248-9
24. TAXATION. Rep. Reuss inserted tables to support his request for tax reform. pp. H2257-8

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

25. EMPLOYMENT. Rep. Curtis urged analysis of the consequences of minimum wage increases and inserted a Yale economics professor's speech on the subject. pp. E2247-51
26. FAMILY FARMS. Sen. Metcalf commended and inserted a speech by Sen. McGovern "Hidden Enemies of the Family Farm," dealing with corporate and tax aspects of farm problems. pp. E2251-2
27. INDIAN AFFAIRS. Sen. Moss inserted excerpts from a speech by the cochairman of the Four Corners Commission which commends the President's recent message on Indian affairs and lists means by which an approach to solving the Indian problems can be made. pp. E2262-3
28. RURAL DEVELOPMENT. Sen. Pearson inserted an address by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association general manager discussing REA co-ops' role in economic development of rural America. pp. E2265-7
Rep. Zwach urged action on passage of his proposed bill to create a Country-side Development Commission. pp. E2282-3
29. INFLATION. Rep. Curtis expressed the opinion that inflation is the farmer's greatest problem and commended and inserted an article on this subject. pp. E2263
30. SPENDING. Rep. Fannin inserted an article, "Economy: Great Society Style", and stated that many instances "point up the doubts that many of us in this body have about the sincerity of the present administration's promises to cut spending." pp. E2267-8
31. RURAL LOANS. Rep. Hamilton inserted an article, "Hamilton Joins Protest: Loans to Rural Areas for Water, Sewers End", critical of a recent Treasury Dept. action which "brings to a halt a Federal loan program to assist rural communities to finance water and sewer systems." p. E2279
32. POVERTY. Rep. Ryan urged passage of H. R. 16180, to authorize OEO appropriations and inserted the text of an advertisement which "describes the catastrophic effect of the cutback on Mississippi Headstart children." pp. E2285-6
33. PESTICIDES. Rep. Podell called for the appointment of a Presidential Commission "with full power and authority to study and report upon research plans and

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8. RESEARCH; FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Received from the Government Operations Committee a report, "Scientific Brain Drain From the Developing Countries" (H. Rept. 1215). p. H2363
 9. FORESTRY. The Agriculture Committee reported H. R. 15822, to provide for the establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center (H. Rept. 1220). (p. H2363)
 10. RESEARCH. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee reported with amendment H. R. 13781, to extend the Sea Grant College program (H. Rept. 1221) (p. H2363), and was granted until midnight Fri., Mar. 29, to file a report on H. R. 15979, regarding the effect of pesticides on fish (p. H2343).
 11. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY. Rep. Daddario inserted an editorial, "Existing Technology Can Alleviate Pollution in United States." pp. H2355-6
 12. RECLAMATION. Rep. Saylor commended the Siehl study on "Mined Land Reclamation Requirements--Pro and Con," as "helpful" in dealing with this problem. pp. H2361-2
 13. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Rep. McCormack announced that on Tues. and the balance of the week the House will consider the NASA authorization bill and the tax adjustment bill. pp. H2348-9
 14. ADJOURNED until Mon., Apr. 1. p. H2349
- EXTENSION OF REMARKS
15. BUDGET. Sen. Muskie commended and inserted Budget Director Zwick's address, The Federal Budget and State and Local Government Finance." pp. E2383-7
 16. FARM PROGRAM. Sen. Church inserted two articles and commended them "to all Senators who support legislation to outlaw the claiming of farm losses by nonfarmers, to strengthen the position of farmer grower associations, and to cut down discrimination against farmers in the marketplace." pp. E2390-1
Rep. Dole inserted former Rep. Hope's article, "Kansas No Longer On A One-Crop Economy." pp. E2436-7
 17. CONSERVATION. Sen. Muskie inserted an article and stated that it places the conservation needs of the Nation in perspective. pp. E2399-400
 18. WEATHER; FORESTRY. Sen. Allott inserted an address which suggests the "means and the need for greater implementation of programs which will allow foresters to make optimum use of the weather services which meteorologists make available to them." pp. E2400-2
 19. TRADE PRACTICES; COOPERATIVES. Speech in the House by Rep. Railsback supporting the bill to prohibit unfair trade practices affecting producers of agricultural products. p. E2406
 20. FARM INCOME. Rep. Shriver stated there has been a "serious decline" in farm income and expressed his approval of a promotional idea calling upon each American to "eat just one more slice of bread each day." p. E2416

21. LAND. Sen. Mondale inserted a series of articles entitled "Assault on the Land" on the "urgent need for quality environment." pp. E2416-22
22. ELECTRIFICATION. Sen. Muskie inserted a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association resolution supporting the "budgeted appropriations for the fiscal year 1969 for the Dickey-Lincoln project" in Maine. p. E2425
23. COOPERATIVES. Rep. Resnick stated that one of the "tricks" practiced by the American Farm Bureau Federation "is for some of its cooperatives to issue patronage dividends which are supposedly redeemable, and then to refuse to redeem them" and inserted an article, "Cautious Tack Is Urged on County Co-op Shares." p. E2430
24. REORGANIZATION. Rep. Brown, Mich., inserted a section-by-section comparison of the two most recent versions of the Legislative Reorganization Act. pp. E2431-3

BILLS INTRODUCED

25. MANPOWER. H. R. 16303 by Rep. Goodell and others, H. R. 16304 by Rep. Quie and others and S. 3249 by Sen. Javits and others, to provide a comprehensive national manpower policy to improve the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, to authorize a community service employment program; to Ways and Means Committee. Remarks of Rep. Quie, pp. H2359-61, H2353; Sen. Javits, pp. S3513-25
26. PERSONNEL. S. 3256 by Sen. Brewster, to provide for the regulation of political activities of public employees; to Rules and Administration Committee. Remarks of author pp. S3481-4
27. TAXATION. H. R. 16287 by Rep. Burke, Mass., to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that the full amount of an annuity received under the Civil Service Retirement Act shall be excluded from gross income; to Ways and Means Committee.
28. RETIREMENT. H. R. 16288 by Rep. Dulski, to modernize certain provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act; to Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Remarks of author p. H2355
29. HOUSING. H. R. 16290 by Rep. Farbstein, to increase funds authorized for existing programs to build low- and moderate-income housing; to Banking and Currency Committee.
30. IMPORTS. H. R. 16294 by Rep. Goodling, arranging for orderly marketing of certain imported articles; to Ways and Means Committee.
31. LOANS. H. R. 16295 by Rep. Hamilton, to amend the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act of 1961, as amended, to provide an alternate method for making loans for acquisition and improvements of the farm, needed by farm families, including young farmers, and to provide the borrower family with adequate standards of living and the consumer with reasonable prices for agricultural products, as well as to maintain and improve national health; to Agriculture Committee. Remarks of author p. E2396

KERR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

MARCH 28, 1968.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. POAGE, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 15822]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 15822), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

H.R. 15822 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma. The facility would be established on land already owned by the Federal Government.

This legislation would further authorize the Secretary, in developing and operating the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center, to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public and private agencies and organizations and individuals. He would be authorized to accept contributions and gifts to be used to further the purposes of the bill.

NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

The proposed location of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center affords an excellent opportunity for people in all walks of life to view and study a great variety of plant and animal species as well as unique geological wonders. It would be situated almost midpoint on the Talimena Scenic Drive between Talihina, Okla., and Mena, Ark. It would cover an area of about 350 acres

totally within the Choctaw ranger district of the Ouachita National Forest. The Talimena Scenic Drive itself is a part of the forest highway system which is financed under the authority of the Federal Highway Act. It is 55 miles long and is abundant with observation points, historic sites, and picnic and camping areas. The facility would be within and a part of the Ouachita National Forest; therefore, no land purchase would be necessary.

The arboretum will become a focal point for nature study and will serve to encourage appreciation for the marvels of nature.

When completed, the arboretum and nature center will provide an outdoor educational center for an estimated 40,000 school-age children each year. As an adjunct to the Talimena Scenic Drive, the facility will attract visitors from over much of the Nation. Total visits annually to the area are projected to exceed 400,000 by 1976. These visitors will be able to study plants, animals, birds, fish, and geological formations of the region in their natural habitat.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee on Agriculture considered H.R. 15822 in open and executive session on March 25, 1968.

COST

H.R. 15822 does not require any new appropriation authorization. Funds for the establishment and operation of the arboretum and nature center would come from the forest land management portion of the regular Forest Service appropriations.

The Department estimates that the planning and development of the facility will cost the Federal Government about \$1.5 million over a 3-year period. They also project that, after the second year of development, operation costs will begin which will approximate \$150,000 annually.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION

Following is the report from the Department of Agriculture recommending enactment of H.R. 15822.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., March 25, 1968.

HON. W. R. POAGE,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request of March 11, 1968, here is our report on H.R. 15822, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

We recommend enactment of this bill.

H.R. 15822 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma. The boundaries of the area would be those shown on a map on file in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

The purpose of this legislation is to preserve, develop, and make available to this and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about nature. It would also serve to stimulate interest and knowledge in multiple use-sustained yield management of our forest lands and in the development and progress of forest land management in America.

The Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center would be within and a part of the Ouachita National Forest. The Secretary would administer, protect, and develop it in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the national forests in the manner he decides will best achieve the purposes of this bill and for which the arboretum and nature center would be established.

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The Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center would afford an excellent opportunity for the public to learn more about the inter-relationship of living and nonliving components of a natural environment. To our knowledge no similar facility exists in this part of our country where the mountains and the eastern plains come together. A nature trail through the whole area will be designed and constructed to enable handicapped people who must use wheelchairs or cannot climb steep slopes to enjoy the beauty and other benefits of the area, also.

The location of the proposed arboretum and nature center is almost midpoint on the Talimena Scenic Drive between Talihina, Okla., and Mena, Ark. It is an area of about 350 acres within the Choctaw ranger district of the Ouachita National Forest. The setting is a mountain basin with a variety of native flowers, shrubs, and other vegetation in a pine-hardwood forest type. Soil and other environmental conditions offer a favorable habitat for many additional varieties of vegetation and animal life.

Numerous native game and songbirds inhabit the area year around, with other migratory species frequenting the area during certain seasons or periods. Here among the more common species of big game and other animals, such as the deer, fox, and squirrel, may range one of our rare and endangered wildlife species, the magnificent red wolf.

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The project has caught the attention of many individuals and private interests. They have expressed a desire to cooperate in its development because they see an unusual opportunity in this approach to advance the cause of conservation. Establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center will afford a practical way for these private interests to cooperate with the Department of Agriculture in the development and administration of this national forest area for the purposes of the project. It will provide a desirable means of attracting, coordinating, and directing private gifts, donations, and other assistance to enhance the educational, historical, and esthetic values of this important component of our natural resource heritage.

This recreational, educational complex composed of the proposed arboretum and nature center and the Talimena Scenic Drive will be a fitting tribute to the late Senator Robert S. Kerr, who had a great personal interest in these mountains of eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas. He also had an interest in and a vision of the ways these mountains and their natural resources can help man advance himself morally, intellectually, and spiritually. This interest was concomitant to his interest in the total natural resources of the area and the Nation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that it has no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

ORVILLE L. FREEMAN.

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HIGHLIGHTS: House received President's taxation-expenditures message. House Ways and Means Committee announced bargaining position on taxation-expenditures bill. House passed San Gabriel Wilderness bill. House passed Kerr Memorial bill.

HOUSE

1. TAXATION: EXPENDITURES. Received the President's message requesting passage of a tax bill and stating that he would accept the House Appropriations Committee's formula on H. R. 15414, the taxation-expenditures bill, including a \$4 billion reduction in 1969 expenditures, but that "it would be a serious mistake to go beyond that formula" (H. Doc. 305); to Ways and Means Committee. pp. H3334-5

The Ways and Means Committee announced that it had adopted the following position regarding H. R. 15414:

"(1) That it is the view of the Committee on Ways and Means that budget expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, should be reduced by at least \$4 billion (excepting special Vietnam costs, interest on the debt, veterans' benefits, and Social Security Trust Funds, in excess of amounts estimated in the budget);

"(2) That the chairman and the House conferees are requested to negotiate within the conference on an appropriate limitation on expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969;

"(3) That there should be a reduction of at least \$10 billion in new obligational authority and a rescission of at least \$8 billion in old authority; and

"(4) That the Committee on Ways and Means further considers, as a part of the foregoing, that appropriate income tax increases (either through a 10-percent surcharge or comparable rate adjustments) should be developed by the conferees on H. R. 15414 to yield approximately \$10 billion in a full year of operation to become a part of the combined expenditure-tax action to be embodied in the conference report on the bill, H. R. 15414."

Rep. McCormack inserted "Talking Points on the Tax Increase," a memorandum from the Council of Economic Advisers to the President. p. H3392

Several members discussed the President's request for a tax increase, etc. pp. H3333-4

2. WILDERNESS. Passed without amendment S. 2531, to designate the San Gabriel Wilderness, Angeles National Forest, Calif., in lieu of H. R. 13514. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. H3343
3. KERR MEMORIAL. Passed under suspension of the rules H. R. 15822, to authorize this Department to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest, Okla. pp. H3357-62
4. LANDS. Passed as reported H. R. 9098, to revise the boundaries of the Badlands National Monument, S. Dak., and to authorize exchanges of certain lands including forest lands. pp. H3346-8
5. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. Passed, 335-O, under suspension of the rules H. R. 16819, to extend the authorization under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act for grants to States for rehabilitation services, to broaden the scope of the goods and services available for the handicapped, etc. pp. H3369-82
6. HOLIDAYS. Rep. McClory inserted the results of opinion polls on H. R. 15951, to provide for certain holidays to be observed on Mondays, and inserted a report on holiday traffic fatalities. pp. H3386-9
7. APPROPRIATIONS. The Appropriations Committee reported (on May 3 during adjournment) H. R. 17023, the independent offices and HUD appropriation bill (H. Rept. 1348). p. H3397

Mr. Baring with Mr. Bray.
Mr. Jones of North Carolina with Mr. McCloskey.

Mr. Casey with Mr. Brown of Ohio.
Mr. McMillan with Mr. Pirnie.
Mr. Dowdy with Mr. O'Konski.
Mr. Nichols with Mr. Moore.
Mr. Fisher with Mr. Springer.
Mr. Davis of Georgia with Mr. Gurney.
Mr. Corman with Mr. Cunningham.
Mr. Jacobs with Mr. Brock.
Mr. Teague of Texas with Mr. Nelsen.
Mr. Tunney with Mr. Mailliard.
Mr. Vigorito with Mr. Kuykendall.
Mr. Willis with Mr. Lukens.
Mr. Roush with Mr. Burke of Florida.
Mr. Selden with Mr. Gardner.
Mr. Rlvers with Mr. Ha'eck.
Mr. Galifianakis with Mr. Wyatt.
Mr. Gibbons with Mr. Hansen of Idaho.
Mr. Haley with Mr. Esch.
Mrs. Green of Oregon with Mr. Slack.
Mr. Rogers of Florida with Mr. Stubblefield.
Mr. Eckhardt with Mr. Kazen.

Messrs. CABELL, DEVINE, MINSHALL, CONTE, and FOLEY changed their votes from "yea" to "nay."

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The doors were opened.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REREFERRAL OF H.R. 16898, TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR FIREMEN NOT EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES KILLED OR INJURED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY DURING A CIVIL DISORDER

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill (H.R. 16898) to provide compensation for firemen, not employed by the United States, killed or injured in the performance of duty during a civil disorder, and for other purposes, be rereferred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

KERR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 15822) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 15822

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to preserve, develop, and make available to this and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about nature and to promote, demonstrate, and stimulate interest in and knowledge of the management of forest lands under principles of multiple use and sustained yield and the development and progress of management of forest lands in America, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest. As soon as possible after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agril-

culture shall publish notice of the designation thereof in the Federal Register, together with an appropriate legal description of the property. A map showing the location of the designated arboretum and center shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 2. The area designated as the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center shall be administered, protected, and developed within and as a part of the Ouachita National Forest by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to national forests in such manner as in his judgment will best provide for the purposes of this Act and to provide for such management, utilization, and disposal of the natural resources as in his judgment will promote or is compatible with and does not significantly impair the purposes for which the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center is established.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public and private agencies and organizations and individuals in the development, administration, and operation of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to accept contributions and gifts to be used to further the purposes of this Act.

The SPEAKER. Is a second demanded?

Mr. BELCHER. Mr. Speaker, I demand a second.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, a second will be considered as ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. POAGE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, this is a bill to authorize the Department of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma.

Mr. Speaker, there is not any question but what the Forest Service presently has the right to establish and to build such a center and that they can use Forest Service funds originating from the forest revenues with which to do so.

The question that does arise is twofold in nature.

First, there is the feeling among many of us who feel, and who have felt as I do, that Senator Kerr was one of the greatest Americans of his time and an American deserving of every recognition that we could extend to him, certainly in the field of conservation of our natural resources where he contributed so much and, second, that we would like to have congressional recognition of a monument in his honor rather than simply having it established by administrative means, as could be done under existing law.

It will not change anything, except that it will evidence the fact that this Congress has recognized the great contributions which were made by the distinguished former Senator from Oklahoma and, second, we need to have a clear-cut method whereby individuals may make contributions for this specific purpose.

At the present time, strange as it may seem, there is apparently no law which

authorizes contributions—no general law—for specific purposes to the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that we probably ought to have general laws on the subject authorizing anybody who wants to to give of their funds to promote any undertaking authorized by this Congress, but apparently we do not have such. We do have language in the Wilderness Act of 1964 authorizing specific contributions for that purpose, but there is apparently no general authorization for this purpose, and this bill would provide the specific authority needed to enable the friends and admirers of the late Senator Kerr and those who are particularly interested in conservation of our natural resources to make specific contributions to develop this specific project.

Without this legislation the Forest Service can establish an arboretum, they can name it, and they can use funds derived from the sale of timber in that Ouachita Forest only to develop and to run such a nature center, but they cannot get the local and national contributions that they could otherwise get. That is all this bill attempts to do—is to see first that we give recognition to the great work that Senator Kerr has done, and secondly that we allow individuals who want to to contribute for that specific purpose. It does not authorize any appropriation, it does not provide any funds, it does not change any of the existing laws other than to let us accept contributions.

I do not know where we are going to find anybody who is going to say that the United States ought not to allow somebody to contribute their own funds to promote this worthy project.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. POAGE. I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I merely wanted to bring to the attention of the Members the fact that already today in the Consent Calendar we passed a bill, H.R. 14672, which provided for authority for the Secretary of the Interior to accept gifts for the benefit of the Indians and for Indian programs. So, already today the House has put its sanction, by unanimous vote, upon this principle of permitting gifts to be accepted which might have a worthwhile purpose.

Mr. POAGE. I thank the gentleman.

I would say to the Members that probably the Committee on Agriculture made a mistake in not asking to have this put on the Consent Calendar instead of on the suspension calendar, but I believe that the membership should have the opportunity to understand just what is involved here.

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. POAGE. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, the gentleman from Texas, yielding to me. As to the most recent statement I believe we all know that former

Senator Bob Kerr was not an Indian; but the gentleman from Texas has said so much about this enabling legislation to receive funds and gifts out of the dedication of peoples' hearts, and out of their generosity, to forward the purposes of an arboretum and botany in general, that I wonder if the distinguished chairman would have any information, as to whether the million and a half dollars that is written into the bill for the establishment of the arboretum or, indeed, the \$150,000 annually that is written into the bill for maintaining same, might be taken "off of the back" of the taxpayers by such gifts from donors?

I believe it would help the passage of the bill if a statement could be made, at this particular time in the history of our economy. In other words, if it were not expected that we would have to further tax the taxpayers, so that the very principle which the distinguished chairman from Texas is discussing; namely, that of receiving gifts or funds from individuals, or maybe even from the family after which the arboretum is to be named, would result in the supplying of the funds needed, instead of by the taxpayers?

Does the gentleman have information on that general subject?

Mr. POAGE. Of course, that is the basic purpose of the bill and it is hoped that at least a substantial part, if not all, of the cost of this arboretum, both the construction and maintenance costs, will be cared for by private contributions. That cannot be done at the present time.

You can make a contribution—all right—but it would go into the general revenue and does not do much good for this specific purpose. Very few people are going to be foolish enough to do that sort of thing.

I do want to call the gentleman's attention to the fact that he is slightly in error—there is no such figure written into the bill. That is merely an estimate in the report as to the planned cost of the construction and operation. There is absolutely no authorization in the bill for the expenditure of public funds. This leaves the law just as it is. The law presently allows the Forest Service to spend public funds and we do not add to, nor do we subtract from the existing authorization. There is no new authorization for the expenditure of funds.

Mr. HALL. I appreciate the correction.

As I understand then, it would come in under the regular Department of Agriculture appropriation under the U.S. Forest Service insofar as the funds for this arboretum are concerned.

But would the gentleman advise the Members, for the legislative record, insofar as the report is concerned, which does have these original estimates of cost and original cost of annual maintenance, whether such gifts given by donors would be within those figures in the report and deducted therefrom.

Mr. POAGE. They would. I think it is quite reasonable to assume that if we have a million dollars in contributions, and if we would spend \$1,500,000—that would reduce the sum total that the Gov-

ernment would be called upon by two-thirds.

Mr. HALL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. BELCHER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT].

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the pending bill, H.R. 15822.

Mr. Speaker, the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center would be a major facility along the 55-mile Talimena Scenic Drive between Mena, Ark., and Talihina, Okla.

It would be an educational focal point for perhaps 40,000 schoolchildren a year—expected to visit the drive, and take advantage of opportunities to study the plants, animals, birds, fish—the natural environment of this beautiful area.

The drive and some of its facilities—historical sites, campgrounds, observation sites, hiking trails—will be completed late this fall. Hundreds of thousands of visits are expected each year hereafter—an obvious stimulus to the economy of southwest Oklahoma and western Arkansas, particularly the terminus cities of Mena and Talihina. I do support the Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center as a major attraction of the Talimena Scenic Drive. It will enhance the 55-mile scenic highway, and increase the value of this recreation and nature complex which is unique to our part of the country.

Mr. BELCHER. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to encourage private contributions and private support for this arboretum.

I believe that we should give encouragement to any group of people who are willing to put their money into this kind of a project and thereby relieve the taxpayers of putting up money that will otherwise have to be spent.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am in complete support of the bill and I hope it will be passed.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill to authorize establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma.

No memorial could be more fitting for Oklahoma's great champion of conservation of "land, wood, and water."

The arboretum to be established by authority of this measure will not only provide a new scenic wonder in our national forest, but will also provide both a laboratory and a classroom for students of the earth sciences from all over the world.

I hope and trust the bill will be overwhelmingly approved.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill now before the House. The proposed Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center would be an installation of major importance within the recreational complex being developed in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma and Arkansas. This forest is located in eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas and contains some of the most beautiful scenery to be found anywhere in the country.

Access to this area in the Ouachita

Mountains has been provided by construction within the Ouachita National Forest of the 55-mile-long Talimena Scenic Drive, a "skyline drive" running from Talihina, Okla., to Mena, Ark. It is a forest recreation highway authorized and constructed to further the development of the full potential of the public lands comprising the Ouachita National Forest, to help satisfy the increasing demands for a better understanding of nature and to provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The Talimena Scenic Drive is the central area being developed within the Ouachita National Forest. It will include such items as historical sites, natural areas, campgrounds, picnic areas, observation sites, and hiking trails. However, there are no existing nature centers located in mid-America, and many of us have felt, and feel strongly, that the Ouachita National Forest and the Talimena Scenic Drive is an ideal location for an arboretum and nature center to display the more than 100 varieties of native American trees and shrubs which abound in the area.

Those of us who knew and worked with him, and I know I am joined in this by thousands of Oklahomans who knew and loved him, feel that such an arboretum and nature center would be a fitting and proper memorial for Oklahoma's late Senator, Robert S. Kerr. Bob Kerr was born near what was then Ada, Indian territory, in September 1896, in a log cabin. From those humble beginnings, he rose to be one of Oklahoma's outstanding private citizens and chairman of the board of one of its mightiest industrial corporations. He served as Governor of Oklahoma from January 1943 to January 1947. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1948 and served continuously in that body until his death on January 1, 1963.

Throughout his life, both as a private citizen and as a public servant, Bob Kerr was a forceful and effective advocate for conservation of all our natural resources. He was the leader in conserving and developing eastern Oklahoma's great water resources and in constructing the Arkansas River project, which will aid in developing other natural resources in the heartland of America. He wrote a famous book entitled "Land, Wood and Water," in which he spoke eloquently of the importance of preserving and protecting the great heritage of our natural resources.

The arboretum and nature center proposed in the bill before the House today would be a fitting and lasting memorial to this great man. It is proposed to construct it in LeFlore County, near where he had his home during the last years of his life. It would be a great outdoor laboratory that would be open to both scholars and the casual visitor. Bob Kerr believed that we should develop our natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of all, and the center proposed in this bill would do just that—it would provide a beautiful, planned setting for visitors to view the wonders of nature.

In addition, it is estimated there will be substantial social and economic benefits from a center of this kind. It is estimated that over 40,000 school-age children will

use the facilities as an educational center each year; that yearly visits will total about 350,000; and that visitor dollars added to the local economy will amount to more than \$2.5 million annually.

A suitable site has been selected for the arboretum and nature center located on a 350-acre tract of national forest land adjacent to the Talimena Scenic Drive, just east of U.S. Highway 259 in LeFlore County, Okla. The Government already owns all of this land.

The total development plan required includes the building complex—which involves an office, amphitheater, classroom, display area, maintenance work center, and so forth—trails, roads, parking areas, landscaping, planting of native vegetation, and demonstration areas, exhibits, a 30-acre lake, and picnic facilities. There will be hiking trails and drivethroughs for automobiles. A special feature of it will be a trail planned and designed to accommodate physically handicapped persons.

Since introducing this bill, I have been contacted by a number of Oklahomans expressing support for it. Mr. R. G. "Dick" Miller, a noted Oklahoma columnist and conservationist has written me of his support for this bill. He has indicated that many people in our State are enthused about the project. He said the arboretum should be a finished product within a few years and he has pledged his support to the project. I include his letter at this point in my remarks:

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN-OKLAHOMA
CITY TIMES,

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 6, 1968.

HON. CARL ALBERT,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CARL: I am glad you asked me to put in a word for the arboretum to be established in the Ouachita National Forest in eastern Oklahoma. I have been well acquainted with this project since it first became a dream of the late Senator Robert S. Kerr. I have been over the grounds with him. I took a picture of the site several years ago.

This beautiful view of natural timber is one of the most beautiful that I have seen in Oklahoma in my forty-eight years of roaming the beauty spots of this state, and now through the cooperation of the state of Oklahoma, the national Congress and the people who live in southeastern Oklahoma, the area all around the arboretum site has been blessed with modern highways, north-south and east-west. Before Senator Kerr's arboretum dream was put in motion there wasn't much interest of our people focused on that southeast corner of our state, but, since these roads have been built and the forest service, the game management people, the bird watchers and the rock enthusiasts have become enthused about the project. By all means it should be a finished product in the next few years.

This site is already blessed by a paved highway across two of the major mountains in that area—the Winding Stair and the Rich. This road serves fifty-five miles of the most scenic timber and hilly country in this part of the United States, and it will grow in popularity if the arboretum ever becomes a reality, but the whole project needs to be topped off by this arboretum which is blessed by about eighty different kinds of trees and shrubs without borrowing any from the neighbors.

I make four or five trips down to these mountain and timber sites every year just for my own pleasure. I have taken as many as thirty-two busloads of people from the west

side of Oklahoma to see the trees and hills on the east side several times in the last thirty years. These tours have become a popular event and certainly they would continue when the arboretum is ready for viewing.

I stand ready to join you in any effort in which I may be helpful to bring this project to a happy consummation.

Sincerely yours,

R. G. MILLER.

Mr. Donald E. Stauffer, director of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division, has said:

With the great need for preserving natural areas for this and future generations it is my sincere belief that this project would be of great benefit for many thousands each year. The fact that additional trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses would be continually added would increase its value and attract people back time after time.

I include Mr. Stauffer's entire letter at this point in the RECORD:

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Oklahoma City, Okla., March 15, 1968.

CARL ALBERT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. ALBERT: I am writing in regard to the proposed Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center to be located in eastern Oklahoma.

This area, of some 350 acres, lying between Rich Mountain and Winding Stair Mountain and next to the new Tallmena Scenic Drive is ideal for such a project. There are already some 65 species of trees native to the area. This part of the United States has needed this type of a facility for many years. It would serve students, nature lovers, and those who just enjoy being out-of-doors, from many states. The area would be readily accessible from north-south and east-west highways.

There would be foot trails, roads, and trails for the handicapped, also picnic and rest facilities.

With the great need for preserving natural areas for this and future generations it is my sincere belief that this project would be of great benefit for many thousands each year. The fact that additional trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses would be continually added would increase its value and attract people back time after time.

I sincerely hope that this project can be given top priority this year. The facility will attract a considerable number of tourists and help greatly in improving the economic condition of a large area.

Very truly yours,

DONALD E. STAUFFER, Director.

I have a letter from Dr. John E. Thomas, professor and head of the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State University, in which he says:

The Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center would be a valuable addition to our overall natural science teaching programs at all stages of education.

Under the unanimous-consent request, I include his entire letter at this point:

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Stillwater, Okla., March 14, 1968.

HON. CARL ALBERT,
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. ALBERT: As a citizen of Oklahoma as well as a biological scientist I should like to urge your support for the measures to develop the Tallmena Parkway and the Kerr Arboretum.

The Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center would be a valuable addition to our overall natural science teaching programs at all stages of education. I can visualize classes

from secondary schools as well as colleges using these as valuable learning tools. As a botanist the diversified flora of eastern Oklahoma has always fascinated me and this Arboretum would permit many people to actually become acquainted with this flora. We here at the University would hope to become involved in the planning and developing of this Arboretum if it becomes a reality.

Aside from the direct educational value this drive and Arboretum would be of great interest to all citizens who just like to be out-of-doors.

Again I would request that you strongly support this enterprise as I feel that it will be an extremely valuable public asset.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN E. THOMAS,
Professor and Head.

Dr. Charles J. Mankin, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, has said that the Ouachita Mountains are critically important to the study of the geologic history of North America and some of the fundamental problems of geology in general. He has pointed out that the area is frequently visited by geologists from all parts of the world and that the center would provide a focal point for visitors and students of the earth sciences in their studies of this area. The establishment of the arboretum is strongly supported by the Oklahoma Geological Survey and the School of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Oklahoma.

I include Dr. Mankin's letter at this point in my remarks:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA,
Norman, Okla., March 15, 1968.

HON. CARL ALBERT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. ALBERT: The pending legislation concerning the establishment of an arboretum and nature center in the Ouachita Mountains of southwestern Oklahoma is of particular importance to those interested in the earth and botanical sciences. Because of my interest in the earth sciences, I will confine my remarks to that aspect.

The Ouachita Mountains of southeastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas are an exposed portion of a mountain range that once extended an estimated distance of 1,300 miles from northern Mexico to Alabama. The extent of this range ranks it among the major geologic structures of the world. Geologic events have led to the erosion and burial of this structure so that today only about 275 miles of its length can be seen at the surface. Almost all of this exposure is in the Ouachita Mountains, of which about 100 miles is in Oklahoma. The Ouachitas are therefore critically important to the study of the geologic history of North America and some of the fundamental problems of geology in general. The area is frequently visited by geologists from all parts of the world; its structural features are similar to the Alps and Carpathians, and, for this reason, are of particular interest to European scientists. A display of geologic and physiographic maps and cross sections at this center would provide a focal point for visitors and students of the earth sciences in their studies of this area.

Some of the formations exposed in the Ouachita Mountains contain abundant fossil plants. Specimens collected from these formations are contained in natural history museums throughout the world. Numerous paleobotanists have studied these fossil plants and their work has brought about a better understanding of the geologic history of the Midcontinent region of the United States. Exhibits of these fossil plants would

materially add to the importance of this center.

To sum up the importance of this project, I wish to point out the value of this center to students in the earth sciences. Colleges and universities located within the State of Oklahoma and in neighboring states could make valuable use of such a center as a focal point for field trips and independent study programs. For example, the School of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Oklahoma would be able to make extensive use of this facility in its undergraduate and graduate programs. I know that the alumni of this department (more than forty-four hundred geologists) would immediately recognize the importance of this project and would strongly support its approval.

I hope this information will prove helpful in obtaining support for the passage of the bill to establish the arboretum and nature center. The School of Geology and Geophysics and the Oklahoma Geological Survey strongly support the idea and are ready to assist in its development. Please feel free to call on me for whatever additional assistance I may be able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES J. MANKIN,
Director.

Prof. J. Lamar Teate, Department of Forestry, Oklahoma State University, has said that the establishment of the arboretum will be of significant value to the people at large and in particular to institutions of higher learning in Oklahoma.

Dr. Teate's letter is included in full at this point:

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Stillwater, Okla., March 15, 1968.

Hon. CARL ALBERT,
Capitol Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN: I am writing this letter to urge your support for the establishment and maintenance of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum on the Ouachita National Forest here in Oklahoma. Since I teach dendrology in the Department of Forestry at O.S.U., I am particularly interested in this project. I believe the people of Oklahoma have only recently recognized the value of the Ouachita National Forest to our state. The establishment of the arboretum will, in my opinion, be of significant value to the people at large and in particular to the institution of higher learning here in Oklahoma. I encourage you to support this measure.

J. LAMAR TEATE,
Assistant Professor.

Dr. Edward E. Sturgeon, head of the Department of Forestry, Oklahoma State University, has indicated a strong interest in this proposal. He pointed out in his letter to me the importance of having an aggregation of materials in the arboretum. He indicated that he believed that it would provide an "attraction which many people would drive miles to see."

His entire letter is included at this point:

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY,
Stillwater, Okla., March 27, 1968.

Congressman CARL ALBERT,
Capitol Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ALBERT: I wish to write to support the Kerr Arboretum to be established on the Talimena Parkway. I believe this arboretum would serve the people of

Oklahoma and surrounding states with educational and recreational values.

Such an arboretum would be a focal point for tourism, and its location on the Talimena Parkway would provide an attraction which many people would drive many miles to see. I believe that today people are more and more concerned with the educational values of recreation and especially tourism. With botanical, zoological, and geological items of interest in the arboretum, there will be an aggregation of materials of interest to many people.

I trust that many people will rally to the support of this excellent proposal.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD E. STURGEON,
Head, Department of Forestry.

Mr. Wendell Bever, director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, has expressed his support for this project and he has been most helpful in preparing and obtaining information on the many forms of wildlife which abound in the area.

I am particularly appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Bryan P. Glass, of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Oklahoma State University, who has prepared a list of over 150 mammals, reptiles, and amphibians which might be found in the arboretum area, and of Dr. George M. Sutton, research professor of zoology at the University of Oklahoma, who has compiled a list of 227 species of birds which would be expected to inhabit the arboretum. Dr. Sutton has stated that the arboretum has a tremendous potential from the standpoint of wildlife conservation and study.

At this point in the RECORD, I include letters from Mr. Bever and the lists compiled by Dr. Glass and Dr. Sutton:

DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION,
Oklahoma City, Okla., March 27, 1968.

Hon. CARL ALBERT,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ALBERT: A preliminary list of wildlife species occurring on the proposed site of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center is enclosed.

I have invited the Oklahoma Academy of Science to review this project in hopes of pointing out unique or rare experiences that the people might expect to enjoy at this facility.

The enclosed list includes birds and mammals that are common to rare.

Ordinarily the following species would be most common and available to the people: Beaver, deer, rabbit, squirrel, turkey and a variety of small birds.

Sincerely,

WENDELL BEVER,
Director.

WILDLIFE SPECIES OCCURRING ON THE PROPOSED SITE OF THE ROBERT S. KERR ARBORETUM

Animals: Armadillo, Bear, Beaver, Bobcat, Coon, Deer, Fox (Red and Grey), Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Rabbit, Skunk, Squirrel (Red and Grey), and Wolf.

Birds: Crows, Blackbirds, Bluebirds, Cardinals, Chickadees, Dove, Ducks, Flycatchers, Geese, Hawks, Hummingbirds, Meadowlarks, Mockingbirds, Blue Jays, Orioles, Owls, Quail, Roadrunners, Robins, Starlings, Thrush, Turkey, Sparrows, Swallows, Vultures, Warblers, Woodcocks, Woodpeckers, and Wrens.

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION,

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 8, 1968.

Hon. CARL ALBERT,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ALBERT: Dr. George Sutton, Research Professor, Zoology, at Oklahoma University has furnished a provisional checklist of birds of LeFlore County, Oklahoma. Dr. Sutton went to great lengths to provide this, and I trust that it and the attached comments will be helpful in your efforts to obtain the proposed legislation for the Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center.

Sincerely,

WENDELL BEVER,
Director.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA,
Norman, Okla., April 3, 1968.

WENDELL BEVER, Esq.,
Director, Department of Wildlife Conservation,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

DEAR MR. BEVER: Working up this list of LeFlore County birds has taken a good deal of time, and I am not sure that it is what Representative Carl Albert really needs; but I want him to realize that the Arboretum has a really tremendous potential from the standpoint of wildlife conservation and study.

If the virtually extinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker ever returns to Oklahoma it will return to the sort of habitat the Arboretum might well furnish.

If you have questions concerning this list, do not hesitate to ask them.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. SUTTON,
Research Professor of Zoology.

PROVISIONAL CHECK-LIST OF BIRDS OF LE FLORE COUNTY, OKLA.

1. Pied-billed Grebe. TV.
2. Great Blue Heron, PR; not known to breed in LeFlore County.
3. Green Heron. TV and SR.
4. Little Blue Heron. TV; has nested in LeFlore County near Spiro.
5. Common Egret. TV; has nested in LeFlore County near Spiro.
6. Snowy Egret. TV; has nested in LeFlore County near Spiro.
7. Black-crowned Night Heron. Probably SR, but no actual record for LeFlore County.
8. Yellow-crowned Night Heron. TV and SR.
9. American Bittern. TV.
10. Canada Goose. TV.
11. Mallard. TV and possible SR, but no nesting record for LeFlore County.
12. Gadwall. TV.
13. Pintail. TV.
14. Green-winged Teal. TV.
15. Blue-winged Teal. TV.
16. Shoveler. TV.
17. American Widgeon or Baldpate. TV.
18. Wood Duck. SR.
19. Redhead. TV.
20. Ring-necked Duck. TV.
21. Canvasback. TV.
22. Lesser Scaup. TV.
23. Common Goldeneye. TV.
24. Bufflehead. TV.
25. Ruddy Duck. TV.
26. Turkey Vulture. SR.
27. Black Vulture. PR.
28. Sharp-shinned Hawk. TV and WR.
29. Cooper's Hawk. PR.
30. Red-tailed Hawk. PR.
31. Harlan's Hawk. WR.
32. Bobwhite. PR.
33. Broad-winged Hawk. SR.
34. Rough-legged Hawk. WR.
35. Golden Eagle. Rare WR.
36. Bald Eagle. Rare TV and WR.

37. Marsh Hawk. TV and WR.
 38. Osprey or Fish Hawk. TV.
 39. Peregrine Falcon. Rare TV.
 40. Pigeon Hawk. Uncommon TV.
 41. Sparrow Hawk. PR.
 42. Bobwhite. PK.
 43. Wild Turkey. Formerly common PR; recent introductions have been largely unsuccessful because of poaching.
 44. King Rail. Local SR.
 45. Sora. TV.
 46. American Coot. TV and WR.
 47. Semipalmated Plover. TV.
 48. Killdeer. PR.
 49. American Woodcock. Rare and local SR; TV.
 50. Common Snipe. TV.
 51. Upland Plover. TV.
 52. Spotted Sandpiper. TV.
 53. Solitary Sandpiper. TV.
 54. Greater Yellowlegs. TV.
 55. Lesser Yellowlegs. TV.
 56. Pectoral Sandpiper. TV.
 57. White-rumped Sandpiper. TV (spring).
 58. Baird's Sandpiper. TV.
 59. Least Sandpiper. TV; occasional WR.
 60. Long-billed Dowitcher. TV.
 61. Stilt Sandpiper. TV.
 62. Semipalmated Sandpiper. TV.
 63. Western Sandpiper. TV.
 64. Wilson's Phalarope. TV.
 65. Ring-billed Gull. TV and WR.
 66. Franklin's Gull. TV.
 67. Forster's Tern. TV.
 68. Black Tern. TV.
 69. Mourning Dove. PR, but uncommon and local in winter.
 70. Yellow-billed Cuckoo. SR.
 71. Black-billed Cuckoo. TV.
 72. Roadrunner. PR, but extremely local.
 73. Barn Owl. Probably PR, but no actual record for LeFlore County.
 74. Screech Owl. PR.
 75. Great Horned Owl. PR.
 76. Barred Owl. PR.
 77. Long-eared Owl. Probably PR, but no actual record for LeFlore County and no July, August, or September record for Oklahoma.
 78. Short-eared Owl. WR.
 79. Chuck-will's-widow. SR.
 80. Whip-poor-will. Rare SR.
 81. Common Nighthawk. SR and TV.
 82. Chimney Swift. Local SR; nests almost wholly in towns.
 83. Ruby-throated Hummingbird. SR.
 84. Belted Kingfisher. SR; winters if streams are open.
 85. Yellow-shafted Flicker. TV and WR; rare SR.
 86. Red-shafted Flicker. WR.
 87. Pileated Woodpecker. PR; fairly common in some areas.
 88. Red-bellied Woodpecker. PR. abundant in winter.
 89. Red-headed Woodpecker. PR, locally abundant in winter.
 90. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. TV and WR.
 91. Hairy Woodpecker. PR.
 92. Downy Woodpecker. PR.
 93. Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Rare PR in pinelands of southeastern Oklahoma.
 94. Eastern Kingbird. TV and SR.
 95. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Rare SR along highway shoulders and in very open woodland.
 96. Great Crested Flycatcher. SR.
 97. Eastern Phoebe. SR.
 98. Acadian Flycatcher. SR.
 99. Traill's Flycatcher. TV.
 100. Least Flycatcher. TV.
 101. Eastern Wood Pewee. SR.
 102. Olive-sided Flycatcher. TV.
 103. Horned Lark. PR in treeless areas; there may be no area open enough for species in Arboretum.
 104. Tree Swallow. TV.
 105. Bank Swallow. TV.
 106. Rough-winged Swallow. SR.
 107. Barn Swallow. SR.
 108. Cliff Swallow. TV; local SR.
 109. Purple Martin. SR.
 110. Blue Jay. PR.
 111. Common Crow. PR.
 112. Fish Crow. To be looked for along water courses especially near heronries; SR.
 113. Carolina Chickadee. PR.
 114. Tufted Titmouse. PR.
 115. White-breasted Nuthatch. PR.
 116. Redbreasted Nuthatch. WR and TV.
 117. Brown-headed Nuthatch. Local PR in pinelands of southeastern Oklahoma
 118. Brown Creeper. WR and TV.
 119. House Wren. TV; possible SR, but rare as a nesting bird in central and southern Oklahoma.
 120. Winter Wren. WR.
 121. Bewick's Wren. PR.
 122. Carolina Wren. PR.
 123. Long-billed Marsh Wren Local TV and WR in cattails, sedges, and rank grass.
 124. Short-billed Marsh Wren. TV.
 125. Mockingbird. PR.
 126. Catbird. TV and probably rare SR.
 127. Brown Thrasher. SR, occasional in winter.
 128. Robin. PR, but rare and local in summer.
 129. Wood Thrush. SR.
 130. Hermit Thrush. TV and WR.
 131. Swainson's Thrush. TV.
 132. Gray-cheeked Thrush. TV.
 133. Veery. TV.
 134. Eastern Bluebird. PR; scattered pairs in summer; local flocks in winter.
 135. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. SR.
 136. Golden-crowned Kinglet. WR.
 137. Ruby-crowned Kinglet. TV and WR.
 138. Water Pipit. TV.
 139. Cedar Waxwing Irregular TV and WR, sometimes abundant.
 140. Loggerhead Shrike. PR.
 141. Starling. PR (introduced)
 142. White-eyed Vireo. SR.
 143. Bell's Vireo. Local SR along forest edge, not in woods.
 144. Yellow-throated Vireo. TV and SR.
 145. Solitary Vireo. TV.
 146. Red-eyed Vireo. TV and SR.
 147. Philadelphia Vireo. TV.
 148. Warbling Vireo. TV and local SR in parks and open woodland.
 149. Black-and-white Warbler. TV and SR.
 150. Prothonotary Warbler. Local SR in wooded swamps.
 151. Swainson's Warbler. SR, but rare and local; no actual record for LeFlore County.
 152. Worm-eating Warbler. Rare SR in heavy woods.
 153. Golden-winged Warbler. TV.
 154. Blue-winged Warbler. TV and probably SR.
 155. Tennessee Warbler. TV.
 156. Orange-crowned Warbler. TV; occasional in winter.
 157. Nashville Warbler. TV.
 158. Parula Warbler. SR.
 159. Yellow Warbler. TV; probably local SR.
 160. Magnolia Warbler. Uncommon TV.
 161. Myrtle Warbler. WR and TV.
 162. Black-throated Green Warbler. TV.
 163. Cerulean Warbler. SR.
 164. Blackburnian Warbler. Uncommon TV.
 165. Yellow-throated Warbler. SR in mature woodland.
 166. Chestnut-sided Warbler. Uncommon TV.
 167. Bay-breasted Warbler. Rare TV.
 168. Blackpoll Warbler. TV, fairly regular and common in spring; very few fall records for state.
 169. Pine Warbler. PR in pinelands.
 170. Prairie Warbler. SR.
 171. Ovenbird. TV and uncommon SR.
 172. Northern Waterthrush. TV.
 173. Louisiana Waterthrush. SR.
 174. Kentucky Warbler. SR.
 175. Mourning Warbler. TV.
 176. Yellowthroat. SR but local, in marshy areas.
 177. Yellow-breasted Chat. SR.
 178. Hooded Warbler. SR.
 179. Wilson's Warbler. TV.
 180. Canada Warbler. Uncommon TV.
 181. American Redstart. TV; local SR.
 182. House Sparrow. PR (introduced).
 183. Bobolink. TV.
 184. Eastern Meadowlark. SR; also common in winter, but populations shift.
 185. Red-winged Blackbird. TV and SR; sometimes abundant in winter at roosts.
 186. Orchard Oriole. SR in open woods.
 187. Baltimore Oriole. SR.
 188. Rusty Blackbird. TV and WR.
 189. Brewer's Blackbird. TV and WR.
 190. Boat-tailed Grackle. Local SR.
 191. Common Grackle. TV and SR.
 192. Brown-headed Cowbird. TV and SR; sometimes winters.
 193. Scarlet Tanager. TV and SR.
 194. Summer Tanager. SR.
 195. Cardinal. PR.
 196. Rose-breasted Grosbeak. TV.
 197. Blue Grosbeak. SR.
 198. Indigo Bunting. TV and SR.
 199. Painted Bunting. SR.
 200. Dickcissel. TV and SR.
 201. Purple Finch. TV and WR.
 202. Pine Siskin. TV and WR.
 203. American Goldfinch. WR chiefly; local SR; much commoner in winter than in summer.
 204. Red Crossbill. Irregular winter visitor.
 205. White-winged Crossbill. Irregular winter visitor.
 206. Eastern Towhee. WR.
 207. Spotted Towhee. WR.
 208. Savannah Sparrow. TV and WR.
 209. Grasshopper Sparrow. TV and local SR in wide treeless areas.
 210. Le Conte's Sparrow. TV and WR.
 211. Vesper Sparrow. TV.
 212. Lark Sparrow. TV and SR.
 213. Rufous-crowned Sparrow. PR; local in rocky places; probably inhabits LeFlore County.
 214. Bachman's Sparrow. Rare and local SR.
 215. Slate-colored Junco. TV and WR.
 216. Oregon Junco. Uncommon WR.
 217. Pink-sided Junco. Uncommon WR.
 218. Chipping Sparrow. TV and SR.
 219. Clay-colored Sparrow. TV.
 220. Field Sparrow. TV and SR; occasional in winter.
 221. Harris's Sparrow. TV and WR.
 222. White-crowned Sparrow. TV and WR.
 223. White-throated Sparrow. TV and WR.
 224. Fox Sparrow. TV and WR.
 225. Lincoln's Sparrow. TV and WR.
 226. Swamp Sparrow. TV and WR.
 227. Song Sparrow. TV and WR.
- Species in italic are represented by LeFlore County specimen(s) at OU Bird Range.
 PR=Permanent Resident.
 SR=Summer Resident.
 WR=Winter Resident.
 TV=Transient Visitor.

IMPORTANT COMMENTS:

1. The Wild Turkey should inhabit wooded parts of LeFlore County. I may be wrong in blaming poachers for the species' rarity today. Certainly poachers get many turkeys in some parts of southeastern Oklahoma. Turkeys are literally abundant in some parts of Oklahoma today.

2. The Pileated Woodpecker is, I believe, becoming commoner in eastern Oklahoma. At least it is holding its own well.

3. The Red-cockaded Woodpecker and Brownheaded Nuthatch live only where there are mature pines, but they occasionally feed in other trees.

4. The Scissor-tailed Flycatcher breeds chiefly along open highway shoulders in southeastern Oklahoma. It is not a woodland bird.

5. The Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*), which has not, so far as I know, been listed for LeFlore County, should occur

in winter, for it is common in open grass-land throughout most of Oklahoma at that season.

DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION,
Oklahoma City, Okla., April 18, 1968.

HON. CARL ALBERT,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ALBERT: It is a pleasure to forward a checklist of mammals, reptiles and amphibians prepared by Dr. Bryan P. Glass of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Oklahoma State University. This list was prepared for the site of the proposed Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center.

We trust that this will be helpful in your efforts to obtain the Center for Oklahoma. Please let us know when we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

WENDELL BEVER,
Director.

LIST OF MAMMALS, REPTILES, AND AMPHIBIANS
OF LEFLORE COUNTY, OKLA.

AMPHIBIA (SALAMANDERS)

Red river mudpuppy—*Necturus maculosus louisianensis*.
Western lesser siren—*Siren intermedia nettingi*.
Spotted salamander—*Ambystoma maculatum*.
Small-mouthed salamander—*Ambystoma texanum*.
Marbled salamander—*Ambystoma opacum*.
Eastern tiger salamander—*Ambystoma tigrinum*.
Central dusky salamander—*Desmognathus fuscus brimleyorum*.
Red-backed salamander—*Plethodon cinereus serratus*.
Slimy salamander—*Plethodon glutinosus glutinosus*.
Rich mountain salamander—*Plethodon ouachitae*.
Many-ribbed salamander—*Eurycea multiplicata multiplicata*.
Central newt—*Diemyctylus viridescens louisianensis*.

FROGS

Hurter's spadefoot—*Scaphiopus hurtei*.
Dwarf American toad—*Bufo americanus charlesmithi*.
Fowlers or east Texas toad—*Uta woodhousei fowleri x velatus* (probably intergrades).
Northern spring peeper—*Hyla crucifer crucifer*.
Eastern gray treefrog—*Hyla versicolor versicolor*.
Blanchard's cricket frog—*Acris crepitans blanchardi*.
Western chorus frog—*Pseudacris triseriata feriarum*.
Eastern narrow-mouthed toad—*Gastrophryne carolinensis*.
Bullfrog—*Rana catesbeiana*.
Green frog—*Rana clamitans melanota*.
Rio Grande leopard frog—*Rana pipiens berlandieri*.
Southern crawfish frog—*Rana areolata areolata*.

REPTILIA (TURTLES)

Common snapper—*Chelydra serpentina*.
Alligator snapper—*Macrochelys temminckii*.
Stinkpot—*Sternotherus odoratus*.
Razorbacked musk turtle—*Sternotherus carinatus* (?).
Eastern mud turtle—*Kinosternon subrubrum hippocrepis*.
Ornate box turtle—*Terrapene ornata*.
Three-toed box turtle—*Terrapene carolina triunguis*.
Ouachita map turtle—*Graptemys pseudogeographica ouachitensis*.
Red-eared turtle—*Pseudemys scripta elegans*.
Missouri slider—*Pseudemys floridana hoyi*.

Western chicken turtle—*Deirochelys reticularia miaria* (?).
Smooth softshell—*Trionyx muticus*.
Western softshell—*Trionyx spinifer hartwegi* (?).
Texas softshell—*Trionyx spinifer asper*.

LIZARDS

Green anole, American chamaeleon—*Anolis carolinensis* (?).
Eastern collared lizard—*Crotaphytus collaris*.
Northern fence lizard—*Sceloporus undulatus hyacinthinus*.
Texas horned lizard—*Phrynosoma cornutum*.
Ground skink—*Lygosoma laterale*.
Five-lined skink—*Eumeces fasciatus*.
Broad-headed skink—*Eumeces laticeps*.
Coal skink—*Eumeces anthracinus*.
Six-lined race-runner—*Cnemidophorus sexlineatus*.
Western glass lizard—*Ophisaurus attenuatus*.

SNAKES

Diamond-backed water snake—*Natrix rhombifera*.
Blotched water snake—*Natrix erythrogaster transversa*.
Midland water snake—*Natrix sipedon pleuralis*.
Graham's water snake—*Natrix grahami*.
Midland brown snake—*Storeria dekayi wrightorum*.
Northern redbellied snake—*Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata*.
Red-sided garter snake—*Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis*.
Western ribbon snake—*Thamnophis sirtalis proximus*.
Rough earth snake—*Haldea striatula*.
Western earth snake—*Haldea valeriae elegans*.
Eastern hognose snake—*Heterodon platyrhinos*.
Western ringneck snake—*Diadophis punctatus arnyi*.
Western worm snake—*Carphophis amoenus vermis*.
Southern black racer—*Coluber constrictor priapus*.
Eastern coachwhip—*Masticophis flagellum flagellum*.
Rough green snake—*Opheodrys aestivus*.
Black rat snake—*Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta*.
Scarlet snake—*Cemophora coccinea*.
Red milksnake—*Lampropeltis triangulum dolata*.
Speckled kingsnake—*Lampropeltis getulus holbrooki*.
Prairie kingsnake—*Lampropeltis calligaster*.
Northern flat-headed snake—*Tantilla gracilis hallowelli*.
Northern copperhead—*Agkistrodon contortrix mokeson* (probably intergrades in the vicinity).
Southern copperhead—*Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix* (probably intergrades in the vicinity).
Western cottonmouth—*Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma*.
Western pigmy rattler—*Sistrurus millarius streckeri*.
Western diamondback rattler—*Crotalus atrox*.
Canebrake rattler—*Crotalus horridus atricaudatus*.

MAMMALIA

Virginia opossum—*Didelphis marsupialis*.
Gray shrew—*Notiosorex crawfordi* (?).
Shorttailed shrew—*Blarina brevicauda*.
Least shrew—*Cryptotis parva*.
Eastern mole—*Scalopus aquaticus*.
Little brown myotis—*Myotis lucifugus* (?).
Indiana myotis—*Myotis sodalis* (?).
Small-footed myotis—*Myotis leibii* (?).
Silverhaired bat—*Lasiurus noctivagans*.
Eastern pipistrelle—*Pipistrellus subflavus*.
Big brown bat—*Eptesicus fuscus*.
Red bat—*Lasiurus borealis*.

Hoary bat—*Lasiurus cinereus*.
Seminole bat—*Lasiurus seminolus* (?).
Evening bat—*Nycticeius humeralis*.
Eastern bigeared bat—*Plecotus rafinesquii*.
Raccoon—*Procyon lotor*.
Longtailed weasel—*Mustela frenata*.
Mink—*Mustela vison*.
Spotted skunk—*Spilogale putorius*.
Striped skunk—*Mephitis mephitis*.
Coyote—*Canis latrans*.
Red wolf—*Canis niger* (?) (Persistence in Oklahoma doubtful).
Red fox—*Vulpes vulpes*.
Gray fox—*Urocyon cinereogenteus*.
Bobcat—*Lynx rufus*.
Gray squirrel—*Sciurus carolinensis*.
Fox squirrel—*Sciurus niger*.
Southern flying squirrel—*Glaucomys volans*.
Woodchuck—*Marmota monax* (?).
Eastern chipmunk—*Tamias striatus*.
Plains pocket gopher—*Geomys bursarius* (?).
Beaver—*Castor canadensis*.
Eastern harvest mouse—*Reithrodontomys humulis*.
Fulvous harvest mouse—*Reithrodontomys fulvescens*.
Deer mouse—*Peromyscus maniculatus*.
White-footed mouse—*Peromyscus leucopus*.
Cotton mouse—*Peromyscus gossypinus* (?).
Brush mouse—*Peromyscus boyleyi*.
Golden mouse—*Peromyscus nuttalli*.
Cotton rat—*Sigmodon hispidus*.
Rice rat—*Oryzomys palustris* (?).
Eastern woodrat—*Neotoma floridana*.
Pine vole—*Microtus pinetorum*.
Muskrat—*Ondatra zibethicus* (?).
Norway rat—*Rattus norvegicus*.
House mouse—*Mus musculus*.
Eastern cottontail—*Sylvilagus floridanus*.
Swamp rabbit—*Sylvilagus aquaticus*.
Blacktailed jackrabbit—*Lepus californicus* (?).
Whitetailed deer—*Odocoileus virginianus*.
Nine-banded armadillo—*Dasypus novemcinctus* (?).

Mr. Speaker, I believe the Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center proposed by H.R. 15822 will be of great benefit not only to the people of Oklahoma and Arkansas but to the people of the entire Nation. It will provide a setting in which visitors from across the country, and indeed from throughout the world, can view in a planned and designed and natural setting the many varieties of flora abundant in mid-America and in the Ouachita National Forest. As one of my correspondents who has written me about this bill has said:

It would serve students, nature lovers, and those who just enjoy being out of doors, from many states.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Texas that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 15822.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE TO EXTEND

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have permission to extend their remarks in the RECORD prior to the passage of the bill.

90TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 15822

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8 (legislative day, MAY 7), 1968

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That in order to preserve, develop, and make available to this
4 and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves
5 morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about
6 nature and to promote, demonstrate, and stimulate interest
7 in and knowledge of the management of forest lands under
8 principles of multiple use and sustained yield and the devel-
9 opment and progress of management of forest lands in Amer-

1 ica, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to
2 establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and
3 Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest. As soon as
4 possible after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agri-
5 culture shall publish notice of the designation thereof in the
6 Federal Register, together with an appropriate legal descrip-
7 tion of the property. A map showing the location of the
8 designated arboretum and center shall be on file and avail-
9 able for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest
10 Service, Department of Agriculture.

11 SEC. 2. The area designated as the Robert S. Kerr
12 Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center shall be adminis-
13 tered, protected, and developed within and as a part of the
14 Ouachita National Forest by the Secretary of Agriculture in
15 accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable
16 to national forests in such manner as in his judgment will
17 best provide for the purposes of this Act and to provide for
18 such management, utilization, and disposal of the natural
19 resources as in his judgment will promote or is compatible
20 with and does not significantly impair the purposes for
21 which the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature
22 Center is established.

23 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby author-
24 ized to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public
25 and private agencies and organizations and individuals in

1 the development, administration, and operation of the Robert
2 S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center. The Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture is authorized to accept contributions
4 and gifts to be used to further the purposes of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 6, 1968.

Attest:

W. PAT JENNINGS,

Clerk.

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10. REDWOOD PARK. Rep. Don H. Clausen criticized proposals in the Redwood Park proposed legislation "which would take tens of thousands of acres of private timber-growing lands" and spoke in support of his bill which would create a Redwood National Park and Seashore and would not "create economic devastation." pp. H3896-7
11. ELECTRIFICATION. Rep. Natcher congratulated the REA on its 33rd anniversary for "bringing to light the vital importance of farm efficiency and rural development." p. H3899
12. HOUSING. Rep. Patman inserted a Washington Post article in recognition of Rep. Sullivan's sponsorship of the rehabilitation housing program. pp. H3920-1
13. FOREIGN TRADE. Rep. Rees inserted Rep. Ashley's testimony in which he discussed the "problems arising from our international trade agreements and how these problems relate to the current imbalance of payments." pp. H3918-19
14. LEGISLATIVE RECORD. Rep. Stratton inserted a summary of the "accomplishments of the first session of this 90th Congress." pp. H3922-3
15. FOREIGN SERVICE. Received from State a proposed bill "to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1946; to Foreign Affairs Committee. p. H3924
16. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Rep. Albert announced the following program for next week: Mon., Consent Calendar and under suspension Farm Credit Adm. amendments, and assaults on postal employees. Tues., Interior appropriations. Wed. and the balance of the week, grain standards; emergency credit revolving fund; and Land and Water Conservation Fund Act amendment. pp. H3892-3
17. ADJOURNED until Mon., May 20. p. H3924

SENATE

- ~~18. WATERSHEDS; FORESTRY; LOANS; COMMODITY EXCHANGES; FOOD STAMPS. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported without amendment S. 2837, to authorize this Department to establish the Cradle of Forestry in America in the Pisgah National Forest, N. C. (S. Rept. 1129); S. 3068, to authorize appropriation of \$245 million under the Food Stamp Act for the fiscal year 1969 (S. Rept. 1130); S. 3143, to make frozen concentrated orange juice subject to the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act (S. Rept. 1128); S. J. Res. 168, to authorize the temporary funding of the emergency credit revolving fund (S. Rept. 1127); H. R. 15822, to authorize this Department to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest, Okla. (S. Rept. 1126); H. R. 15364, to provide for increased U. S. participation in the Inter-American Development Bank (S. Rept. 1131); and with amendment S. 2276, to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to permit this Department to contract for~~

the construction of works of improvement upon request of local organizations (S. Rept. 1125). p. S5712

in both Houses

19. ARTS AND HUMANITIES. Conferees were appointed/on H. R. 11308, to amend the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965. pp. S5771, H3892
20. MINK IMPORTS. Sen. Javits urged review of the Tariff Commission's report on mink fur skins in view of conflicting points of view with respect to the state of economic health of the domestic mink producers. pp. S5705-6
21. COMMUNICATION. Sen. Allot expressed concern with the planning and coordination of communications equipment capabilities in the event of civil disorders during the march on Washington. pp. S5710-12
22. HEALTH; SAFETY. Sen. Javits inserted his amendment to S. 2864, the occupational health and safety bill, to provide for establishment of a broadly based Commission to make a comprehensive study and evaluation of our workmen's compensation laws. pp. S5722-28
23. AGING. Sen. Williams, N.J., inserted an article describing "the increasing difficulties faced by Americans who are trying to provide adequately for retirement." pp. S5729-30
24. AWARD. Sen. Byrd, Va., recognized Tom F. McGourin, Va. soil conservationist who received a Superior Service Award from the Department. p. S5731
25. CROP INSURANCE. Sen. Burdick commended the "importance to the rural economy of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation" which is illustrated in N. Dak. pp. S5731-2
26. COOPERATIVES. Sen. Hart commended the recognition received by forestry cooperatives from FS and FCS administrators. p. S5733
27. EXPORTS. Sen. Smathers inserted articles reporting the highlights of the New Jersey-New York testimony before the Select Committee on Small Business on export expansion for regional industries, small business, and the balance of payments. pp. S5759-61
Sen. Williams, N.J., inserted Sen. Morse's statement on the export trade expansion hearings. p. S5761
28. CREDIT UNIONS. Sen. Percy inserted a speech before CUNA International, Inc. challenging the members to make credit available to the poor. pp. S5762-4

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

29. RESEARCH. Rep. Karth inserted Rep. Miller's speech to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe, "A Parliamentarian's View of Science and Technology." pp. E4303-6

ROBERT S. KERR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER

MAY 16 (legislative day, MAY 14), 1968.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, ^{FR}from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 15822]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 15822) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

This bill provides for establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, to be administered under national forest laws and regulations so as to promote learning about nature and forest land management. Cooperation with, and receipt of contributions from, public and private sources is authorized. The boundaries would be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, published in the Federal Register, and shown on a map in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service. The Department of Agriculture recommends enactment, and advises that the center would consist of about 350 acres on the Talimena Scenic Drive containing numerous game and song birds. Total annual visits to the area are expected to exceed 400,000 by 1976. The Department estimates that the total cost of planning and development over a 3-year period will be about \$1.5 million. Operating costs will probably build up to about \$150,000 per year.

DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Washington, D.C., March 25, 1968.

HON. ALLEN J. ELLENDER,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, and Forestry,
U.S. Senate.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request of March 8, 1968, here is our report on S. 3115, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

We recommend enactment of this bill.

S. 3115 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma. The boundaries of the area would be those shown on a map on file in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

The purpose of this legislation is to preserve, develop, and make available to this and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about nature. It would also serve to stimulate interest and knowledge in multiple-use sustained-yield management of our forest lands and in the development and progress of forest-land management in America.

The Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center would be within and a part of the Ouachita National Forest. The Secretary would administer, protect, and develop it in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the national forests in the manner he decides will best achieve the purposes of this bill and for which the arboretum and nature center would be established.

S. 3115 would further authorize the Secretary, in developing and operating the Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center, to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public and private agencies and organizations, and individuals. He would be authorized to accept contributions and gifts to be used to further the purposes of the bill.

The Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center would afford an excellent opportunity for the public to learn more about the inter-relationship of living and unliving components of a natural environment. To our knowledge no similar facility exists in this part of our country where the mountains and the eastern plains come together. A nature trail through the whole area will be designed and constructed to enable handicapped people who must use wheel-chairs or cannot climb steep slopes to enjoy the beauty and other benefits of the area, also.

The location of the proposed arboretum and nature center is almost midpoint on the Talimena Scenic Drive between Talihina, Okla., and Mena, Ark. It is an area of about 350 acres within the Choctaw Ranger District of the Ouachita National Forest. The setting is a mountain basin with a variety of native flowers, shrubs, and other vegetation in a pine, hardwood forest type. Soil and other environmental conditions offer a favorable habitat for many additional varieties of vegetation and animal life.

Numerous native game and song birds inhabit the area year around, with other migratory species frequenting the area during certain sea-

sons or periods. Here among the more common species of big game and other animals, such as the deer, fox, and squirrel, may range one of our rare and endangered wildlife species, the magnificent red wolf.

The arboretum and nature center, when developed, will provide an outdoor educational center for an estimated 40,000 school-age children each year. As an adjunct to the Talimena Scenic Drive, the facility will attract visitors from over much of the Nation. Total visits annually to the area are expected to exceed 400,000 by 1976. Through its development and management, these people will be able to study and interpret plants, animals, birds, fish, and geological formations of the region in their natural condition or setting. In driving along the Talimena Scenic Drive, they can observe, on a broad scale, the natural resources, scientific knowledge and conservation objectives seen and learned in the arboretum and nature center, thus creating an awareness of, and stimulating an interest in, sound principles of forest conservation.

The project has caught the attention of many individuals and private interests. They have expressed a desire to cooperate in its development because they see an unusual opportunity in this approach to advance the cause of conservation. Establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center will afford a practical way for these private interests to cooperate with the Department of Agriculture in the development and administration of this national forest area for the purposes of the project. It will provide desirable means of attracting, coordinating, and directing private gifts, donations, and other assistance to enhance the educational, historical, and esthetic values of this important component of our natural resource heritage.

This recreational, educational complex composed of the proposed arboretum and nature center and the Talimena Scenic Drive will be a fitting tribute to the late Senator Robert S. Kerr, who had a great personal interest in these mountains of eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas. He also had an interest in and a vision of the ways these mountains and their natural resources can help man advance himself morally, intellectually and spiritually. This interest was concomitant to his interest in the total natural resources of the area and the Nation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that it has no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ ORVILLE L. FREEMAN.

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90TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 15822

[Report No. 1126]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8 (legislative day, MAY 7), 1968

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

MAY 16 (legislative day, MAY 14), 1968

Reported by Mr. EASTLAND, without amendment

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That in order to preserve, develop, and make available to this
4 and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves
5 morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about
6 nature and to promote, demonstrate, and stimulate interest
7 in and knowledge of the management of forest lands under
8 principles of multiple use and sustained yield and the devel-
9 opment and progress of management of forest lands in Amer-

1 ica, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to
2 establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and
3 Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest. As soon as
4 possible after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agri-
5 culture shall publish notice of the designation thereof in the
6 Federal Register, together with an appropriate legal descrip-
7 tion of the property. A map showing the location of the
8 designated arboretum and center shall be on file and avail-
9 able for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest
10 Service, Department of Agriculture.

11 SEC. 2. The area designated as the Robert S. Kerr
12 Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center shall be adminis-
13 tered, protected, and developed within and as a part of the
14 Ouachita National Forest by the Secretary of Agriculture in
15 accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable
16 to national forests in such manner as in his judgment will
17 best provide for the purposes of this Act and to provide for
18 such management, utilization, and disposal of the natural
19 resources as in his judgment will promote or is compatible
20 with and does not significantly impair the purposes for
21 which the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature
22 Center is established.

23 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby author-
24 ized to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public
25 and private agencies and organizations and individuals in

1 the development, administration, and operation of the Robert
2 S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center. The Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture is authorized to accept contributions
4 and gifts to be used to further the purposes of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 6, 1968.

Attest:

W. PAT JENNINGS,

Clerk.

90TH CONGRESS
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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate passed food stamp bill. Senate passed bill to establish Cradle of Forestry. Senate passed bill to establish Kerr Memorial Arboretum.

SENATE

1. **FOOD STAMPS.** Passed without amendment S. 3068, to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1964 so as to increase the authorization for fiscal year 1969 from \$225,000,000 to \$245,000,000. At the request of Sen. Mansfield the following excerpt from the committee report was inserted:

"This bill is needed to permit orderly growth of the program. In December 1967 the number of areas designated under the program totaled 1,239. By June 30, 1968, total participation in these areas is expected to be about 2,750,000 persons, which will take the full \$225 million authorized for fiscal 1969, leaving no room for expansion.

"In order to assure proper administration of the food stamp program the committee recommends that the Department make clear to dealers and food stamp recipients, through written statements furnished to them, store display signs, and otherwise, the purposes for which food stamps may be used and the penalties for misuse of stamps, or other violations of the act." p. S5776

2. KERR MEMORIAL. Passed without amendment H. R. 15822, to authorize this Department to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest, Okla. This bill will now be sent to the President. At the request of Sen. Mansfield the following excerpt from the committee report was inserted:

"This bill provides for establishment of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, to be administered under national forest laws and regulations so as to promote learning about nature and forest land management. Cooperation with, and receipt of contributions from, public and private sources is authorized. The boundaries would be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, published in the Federal Register, and shown on a map in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service." p. S5775

3. FORESTRY. Passed without amendment S. 2837, to authorize this Department to establish the Cradle of Forestry in America in the Pisgah National Forest, N. C. At the request of Sen. Mansfield the following excerpt from the committee report was inserted:

"This bill provides for establishment of the Cradle of Forestry in America in the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina, to be administered under national forest laws and regulations so as to promote knowledge about forestry education and forest land management. Cooperation with, and receipt of contributions from, public and private sources is authorized...The area consists of about 6,800 acres around the site of the Biltmore Forest School, the first technical forestry school in America." pp. S5775-6

4. ORANGE JUICE. Passed without amendment S. 3143, to make frozen concentrated orange juice subject to the Commodity Exchange Act. p. S5775

5. CIVIL DEFENSE. The Armed Services Committee reported without amendment S. 15004, to further amend the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, to extend the expiration date of certain authorities thereunder (S. Rept. 1134). p. S5779

6. WATERSHEDS. Passed over S. 2276, to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to permit the Secretary of Agriculture to contract for the construction of works of improvement upon request of local organizations. p. S5775

struction of this facility. It, there-
established the New Jersey Highway Au-
which was authorized to complete
Green State Parkway by the sale of
bonds financed by tolls imposed
the users.

the present time the toll-free sections of
which make up the original 20
carry heavy traffic composed both of
and through travelers. The current
agency of the present stretches has cre-
tain safety and convenience problems
can be solved through the reconstruc-
these sections and the imposition of
to pay for such improvements, while
same time constructing parallel toll-
ilities to serve local traffic.

the committee conducted a hearing on
1968 at which time the Department of
Transportation of the State of New Jersey,
New Jersey Highway Authority, and the
Department of Transportation testified
for of the enactment of this legislation.
the course of the hearing, testimony
received from a representative of one of
communities involved regarding the ne-
cessity for the provision of alternate toll-free
ilities for local service.

ANALYSIS OF THE BILL

The legislation would authorize the State
of New Jersey to repay to the Treasurer of
the United States for deposit in the highway
trust fund, funds equivalent to the amounts
expended by the State of New Jersey for con-
struction of the enumerated sections of high-
ways on Federal-aid highways. The amount
repaid will be credited to the account of
the State of New Jersey and will be used in
the construction of other Federal-aid high-
ways.

The committee, in reporting S. 1558, rec-
ommends the amendment of the bill to re-
late the construction of toll-free highway
sections in the vicinity of the enumerated
sections as may be necessary to adequately
serve local traffic. Facilities will be con-
structed pursuant to an agreement between
the New Jersey Highway Authority and the
State of New Jersey acting through its State
Finance Commission. This commission is a bi-
partisan group of elected officials headed by
the Governor and who will most certainly be
in a position to adequately protect the local
interests while insuring that the needs of the
State are properly met.

Upon construction of the toll-free facili-
ties and repayment of the Federal-aid funds
expended in connection with the construc-
tion of sections of the Garden State Park-
way enumerated in the bill, the New Jersey
Highway Authority will be able to impose
tolls on the heretofore free sections of
the highway.

Legislation of this type has been consid-
ered and passed by the Congress on other
occasions. The most recent two examples
are: (1) The authorized repurchase by the
State of Connecticut of mileage constructed
with Federal aid pursuant to provisions of
section 22(a), Public Law 350, 83d Congress
and (2) a similar repurchase by the States
of Maryland and Delaware pursuant to sec-
tion 6(a) of Public Law 86-657.

BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 2276) to amend the Water-
resources Conservation and Flood Prevention
Act to permit the Secretary of Agricul-
ture to contract for the construction of
works of improvement upon request of
local organizations was announced as
passed in order.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Over, Mr. President.
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tem-
pore. The bill will be passed over.

ROBERT S. KERR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The bill (H.R. 15822) to authorize the
Secretary of Agriculture to establish the
Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and
Nature Center in the Ouachita National
Forest in Oklahoma, and for other pur-
poses was considered, ordered to a third
reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent to have printed in
the RECORD an excerpt from the report
(No. 1126), explaining the purposes of
the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt
was ordered to be printed in the RECORD,
as follows:

This bill provides for establishment of the
Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Na-
ture Center in the Ouachita National Forest
in Oklahoma, to be administered under na-
tional forest laws and regulations so as to
promote learning about nature and forest
land management. Cooperation with, and re-
ceipt of contributions from, public and pri-
vate sources is authorized. The boundaries
would be determined by the Secretary of
Agriculture, published in the Federal Reg-
ister, and shown on a map in the office of
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ment of Agriculture recommends enactment,
and advises that the center would consist of
about 350 acres on the Talimena Scenic
Drive containing numerous game and song
birds. Total annual visits to the area are ex-
pected to exceed 400,000 by 1976. The Depart-
ment estimates that the total cost of plan-
ning and development over a 3-year period
will be about \$1.5 million. Operating costs
will probably build up to about \$150,000 per
year.

BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S.J. Res. 168) to authorize
the temporary funding of the emergency
fund was announced as next in order.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Over, Mr. President.
The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tem-
pore. The bill will be passed over.

FROZEN CONCENTRATED ORANGE JUICE

The bill (S. 3143) to amend the Com-
modity Exchange Act, as amended, to
make frozen concentrated orange juice
subject to the provisions of such act was
considered, ordered to be engrossed for a
third reading, read the third time, and
passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of
Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled, That the
third sentence of section 2(a) of the Com-
modity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C.
2), is amended by striking out "and live-
stock products" and inserting in lieu thereof
"livestock products, and frozen concen-
trated orange juice".*

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent to have printed in the
RECORD an excerpt from the report (No.
1128), explaining the purposes of the
bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt
was ordered to be printed in the RECORD,
as follows:

This bill would amend the Commodity Ex-
change Act to add frozen concentrated orange

juice to the list of commodities subject to
regulation under that act. The effect of the
bill is further explained in the attached re-
port from the Department of Agriculture
recommending enactment of the bill.

CRADLE OF FORESTRY

The bill (S. 2837) to authorize the
Secretary of Agriculture to establish the
Cradle of Forestry in America in the Pis-
gah National Forest in North Caro-
lina, and for other purposes was con-
sidered, ordered to be engrossed for a
third reading, read the third time, and
passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House
of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled, That, in
order to preserve, develop, and make avail-
able to this and future generations the
birthplace of forestry and forestry educa-
tion in America and to promote, demon-
strate, and stimulate interest in and knowl-
edge of the management of forest lands
under principles of multiple use and sus-
tained yield and the development and prog-
ress of management of forest lands in
America, the Secretary of Agriculture is here-
by authorized to establish the Cradle of
Forestry in America in the Pisgah National
Forest, North Carolina. As soon as possible
after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of
Agriculture shall publish notice of the des-
ignation thereof in the Federal Register to-
gether with a map showing the boundaries
which shall be those shown on the map en-
titled "Cradle of Forestry in America" dated
April 12, 1967, which shall be on file and
available for public inspection in the office
of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of
Agriculture.*

SEC. 2. The area designated as the Cradle
of Forestry in America shall be administered,
protected, and developed within and as a
part of the Pisgah National Forest by the
Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with
the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to
national forests in such manner as in his
judgment will best provide for the purposes
of this Act and for such management, uti-
lization, and disposal of the natural resources
as in his judgment will promote or is com-
patible with and does not significantly im-
pair the purposes for which the Cradle of
Forestry in America is established.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is
hereby authorized to cooperate with and re-
ceive the cooperation of public and private
agencies and organizations and individuals
in the development, administration, and
operation of the Cradle of Forestry in Amer-
ica. The Secretary of Agriculture is au-
thorized to accept contributions and gifts
to be used to further the purposes of this
Act.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent to have printed in
the RECORD an excerpt from the report
(No. 1129), explaining the purposes of
the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt
was ordered to be printed in the RECORD,
as follows:

This bill provides for establishment of the
Cradle of Forestry in America in the Pisgah
National Forest in North Carolina, to be ad-
ministered under national forest laws and
regulations so as to promote knowledge about
forestry education and forest land manage-
ment. Cooperation with, and receipt of con-
tributions from, public and private sources
is authorized. The boundaries would be
shown on a map published in the Federal



Public Law 90-327
90th Congress, H. R. 15822
June 4, 1968

An Act

82 STAT. 169

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to preserve, develop, and make available to this and future generations the opportunity to advance themselves morally, intellectually, and spiritually by learning about nature and to promote, demonstrate, and stimulate interest in and knowledge of the management of forest lands under principles of multiple use and sustained yield and the development and progress of management of forest lands in America, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center in the Ouachita National Forest. As soon as possible after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish notice of the designation thereof in the Federal Register, together with an appropriate legal description of the property. A map showing the location of the designated arboretum and center shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 2. The area designated as the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center shall be administered, protected, and developed within and as a part of the Ouachita National Forest by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to national forests in such manner as in his judgment will best provide for the purposes of this Act and to provide for such management, utilization, and disposal of the natural resources as in his judgment will promote or is compatible with and does not significantly impair the purposes for which the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center is established.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to cooperate with and receive the cooperation of public and private agencies and organizations and individuals in the development, administration, and operation of the Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to accept contributions and gifts to be used to further the purposes of this Act.

Approved June 4, 1968.

Robert S. Kerr
Memorial Arbore-
tum and Nature
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Establishment.

Publication in
Federal Register.

Administration.

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with public and
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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